



NEWS RELEASE

New High Performance Director at the Canadian Fencing Federation

Ottawa, September 27, 2010 - The Canadian Fencing Federation is pleased to announce the hiring of Gerard Lauziere (hpdc@fencing.ca) as their new High Performance Director, effective September 27th, 2010.

In his role, Mr. Lauzière will be responsible for the management and development of the High Performance Program which includes some fifty fencers and coaches from Women's and Men's foil, épée and sabre, including wheelchair fencers.

"We are very excited to have Gerard on board," said Doug Hannum, Canadian Fencing Federation Executive Director. *"His past experience as an athlete, coach and administrator will be very valuable."*

Mr. Lauzière graduated from the National Coaching Institute (Level 4) and has a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from *Université de Sherbrooke*. He was previously High Performance Director for Taekwondo Canada after he had been employed by the Coaching Association of Canada as a sport consultant responsible for fourteen National Sporting Organizations (including the Canadian Fencing Federation) developing their National Coaching Certification Program development. He has also been involved in the High Performance program at Karate Canada.

"It is with great enthusiasm that I take on the challenge of leading and managing the Canadian Fencing Federation's High Performance program," said Gérard Lauzière. *"My approach is one of collaborative leadership in which clear channels of communication will be set up to foster positive and productive relationships between all stakeholders."*

Mr. Lauzière will meet the High Performance Program fencers and coaches at the Senior Canadian Championships in Gatineau, September 30 to October 3. He will also travel with the National Team to the World Championships in Paris from November 4 to 13.

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